



Arlene Simpson

October 2, 1938 - January 29, 2025

Arlene (McGlone) Simpson, 86, of Monrovia, passed peacefully from this life and was reunited with her beloved husband, Tom, and son, Tommy, while in the care of the Springs of Mooresville. She was born in Ministers Run, WV, on October 2, 1938, the late Wavie Arlon and Laura Mae (Eddy) McGlone.

Growing up in the hills of West Virginia and the youngest of two daughters, Arlene's family was devastated with the loss of her father when she was only 7 years old. Her mother went above and beyond to ensure her daughters were taken care of, thus instilling the value of hard work and dedication into Arlene at an early age. While in sixth grade, she met her future husband, Tom. Later in high school, he took Arlene by the hand and the 68-year love affair was established. After graduating from University High School with the class of 1956, Tom and Arlene were joyously united in marriage. The newlyweds packed their bags and headed west to Indiana to find work, originally settling in Paragon to help on the family farm, they later moved back to West Virginia for Tom to work in the coal mines. When the mines went under, they came back to Indiana to help on the farm again and formed their roots in the small-town life of Monrovia.

A devoted mother, Arlene was the Girl Scout Cookie Chairman, a member of the Civic Club, and frequently worked in the concession stand for her son's games. Strong in faith, she taught vacation bible school from the age of 12,

was a member of the Abundant Life Church in Danville, where she played piano, taught Sunday school for 10- to 11-year-old children for almost 60 years, and left a lasting impression on her students, inspiring many to become ministers. Dinner was served at 5pm sharp every evening, and her family looked forward to her scrumptious chicken and dumplings as well as her mouth-watering tomato and dumplings. Possessing a green thumb, Arlene enjoyed working in her flower beds and vegetable gardens, watering the plants with snow water that she collected and stored, then canning the fruits of her labor with enough food to last the winter, and she and Tom kept an immaculate yard.

Continuously health conscience and energetic throughout her life, Arlene took an evening walk every day even in the cold. She went all out for Christmas telling her family there wouldn't be many presents, but low and behold, there was a room full, and the family spent hours opening them all. A garage sale queen, she was regularly on the hunt for her family's needed items and was truly proud to haggle the seller to the right price on every purchase. She deeply loved her family, and with each generation born, she loved them even more and she frequently bragged on her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Strong-willed and set in her ways, she didn't accept help and lived life on her own terms. She had a deep connection with her cherished Pomeranians, owning several in her life. Compassionate and loving, Arlene built a large and close-knit family who will forever miss her and her spunky spirit.

Along with her parents, Arlene was preceded in death by her husband Tom Simpson, son, Tommy Simpson, and son in law, Dewey Durham.

She leaves behind her children, Karen Durham of Indianapolis, and Tim Simpson (wife, Susie) of Southport; sister, Jacqueline Shisler of Morgantown,

WV; grandchildren, Troy, Christy, Kari, Teresa, Sean, Marjorie, Samantha, and Jessica; along with 10 great grandchildren.

Cremation and Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 11:00 am until a Celebration of Life Memorial Service beginning at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made by mail to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 15829, Arlington, VA, 22215, or by clicking <https://diabetes.org/>, or to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD, 21741, or by clicking <https://www.cancer.org/>, and envelopes will be provided during services. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in Arlene's memory please visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Im so very sorry to read of the passing of Arlene. We were first cousins as her father was my mother's brother. We lost contact through the years, but I have very fond memories of both girls from my youth. I only wish I would have known of her passing more timely. My deepest condolences to her family. She was a special person.*

Judy Toothman Broadwater - February 07 at 02:33 AM



“ *260 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - February 06, 2025 at 02:55 PM

JB

Love the pic of Aunt Laurie and the girls!

Judy Toothman Broadwater - February 07 at 02:39 AM

TL

“ Tom & Lety purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Arlene Simpson.



Tom & Lety - February 06, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arlene Simpson.



February 05, 2025 at 08:54 AM

DT

“ Hi Karen and Tim. I am sorry for your loss. Several years ago your family move into my uncle house next to mine on good old State road 39. My dad would stand out side by the (gossip fence as my mom would put it) my dad and your dad would talk for hours. Your mom would see me outside and always have a good word for me. I can still hear your dad standing on the side line at a football game yelling it's coming your way David it's coming your way.He was right 95% of the time. Your family were the best neighbors a guy could have.

davib terrell - February 03, 2025 at 08:49 PM

MC

“ I’ve known Sis. Arlene Simpson for 50 years. She was my Sunday school teacher when I was a child. Growing up, she was always an encouragement to me. She and my late mother-in-law, Tina Coffey, were friends. She would always call and check on her, especially after my father-in-law died. I loved to hear her talk of her grandchildren and admired her youthfulness. She was an amazing woman and will be greatly missed. Go rest high, Sis. Simpson. Heaven will be sweeter with you there.



Misty Coffey - February 02, 2025 at 10:58 AM

PS

“ Arlene was such a petite powerhouse I recently used to “spunky” to describe her. I loved talking with her at all the Simpson’s gatherings! I found her fascinating if we weren’t talking about her canning of pickles “ my favorite “ it was about family and how she took care of her health issues but there are so many facets to personality and accomplishments that it’s hard to just list a few! My condolences go out to the entire Simpson family my prayers are with you all! She will be deeply missed but never forgotten! May God bless you through this hard time! Love, Patty Sullivan

Patricia Sullivan - January 31, 2025 at 02:43 PM